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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 25

Chairman: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 21, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 25 creates a new category of health care facility for licensure, a children's day health service, and provides for an avenue of reimbursement for Medicaid clients served by a children's day health service.

The need for LB 25 comes about because of the unique nature of services provided by the Children's Respite Care Center, a very specialized Omaha-based non-profit provider which serves children with complex and special medical and psychological needs. This facility and its services simply do not fit well in any of the present statutorily defined categories of health care facility. LB 25 defines a children's day health service as one providing specialized care and an array of social, medical, rehabilitation, or other support services for a period of less than twenty-four consecutive hours in a community-based group program to four or more persons under twenty-one years of age who require such services due to medical dependence, birth trauma, congenital anomalies, developmental disorders, or functional impairments.

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